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FROM AMBASSADOR SPIRO FOR SEC COMMERCE-DESIGNATE RICHARDSON

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SUBJECT: US COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE, YAOUNDE

1. BASED ON YOUR OFFICIAL-INFORMAL RESPONSE OF DEC 12, 1975
TO ME, SUGGEST YOU CABLE GREETINGS TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. QUOTE. SOON AFTER PRESIDENT FORD SUBMITTED MY
NOMINATION AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO THE SENATE, AMBASSADOR
SPIRO INVITED ME TO ATTEND YOUR CONFERENCE. I WROTE HIM AT THE
TIME THAT I FOUND HIS ENTHUSIASM - WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO AN
ATTACK OF PREMATURE LOCALITIS - INFECTIOUS AND THAT I COULDN'T
THINK OF A MORE APPROPRIATE WAY TO LAUNCH MY NEW COMMERCE
CAREER. HOWEVER, AS I WILL BE SWORN IN ON THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY
I JUST WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET AWAY DURING THIS WEEK. BUT I
SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND MY GREETINGS
TO MY OLD COLLEAGUES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND MY NEW
COLLEAGUES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WHO WILL BE
COLLABORATING IN YAOUNDE DURING THE AFRICA COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S
CONFERENCE.

IN A WORLD OF RAPIDLY CHANGING ECONOMIC ORDER, EXPORTS
HAVE NEVER BEEN OF GREATER CONSEQUENCE TO AMERICA, NOR YOUR
EFFORTS MORE VITAL. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE RUNNING AN IMPRESSIVE
TRADE SURPLUS TODAY, IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE THAT NEXT YEAR,
ON A COST-INSURANCE-FREIGHT ACCOUNTING, WE MAY AGAIN SUFFER A
DEFICIT. THEREFORE, IN THE MONTHS AHEAD I SHALL STRIVE TO
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INSURE THAT AMERICA VIGOROUSLY PERSUES A POLICY OF EXPORT

PROMOTION AND I KNOW THAT I SHALL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF EACH
OF YOU IN THE FIELD. BETWEEN YOUR EFFORTS ABROAD AND OUR
EFFORTS AT HOME, WE MAINTAIN FOR AMERICA A FAVORABLE
BALANCE OF TRADE. MY THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION,
SERVICE, AND PERSERVERANCE. SIGNED ELLIOT RICHARDSON,
ECRETARY OF COMMERCE. UNQUOTE

3. CONFERENCE BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB 4. WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING RESPONSE BY MONDAY, FEB 2 SO THAT I MAY INCORPORATE
INTO MY OPENING REMARKS.
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